GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department - Allegation of corruption against Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer, Water Supply Maintenance, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam now Under Suspension – Reinstatement into service and posting to a far off and in a non-focal post – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 117 **Dated: 02-02-2018**

Read the following:

1. From the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam Range, Radio Message, dated 22.09.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.640, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Department, dated 30.09.2015.
3. From the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, letter No.142/RCA-WVP/2015-S11, dated 12.02.2016.
4. G.O.Ms.No.96, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Department, dated 25.04.2016.
5. From the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, letter No.135/RCT-WVP/2015-S11, dated 24.04.2017.
6. From the Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam, letter Rc.No.6277/2004/CE/GVMC/1, dated 24.06.2017.
7. G.O.Rt.No.794, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Department, dated 13.11.2017.
8. From Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer (under suspension), representation dated 20.10.2017.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam Range, that the Accused Officer Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer, Water Supply Maintenance, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam was trapped by Anti Corruption Bureau Officials, as he demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.14,000/- from the complainant for doing official favour to process and forward the tender work bill pertaining to providing inter connection HLR & Block-7, Reservoir Pipeline at Pitapuram Colony, Visakhapatnam to Superintending Engineer, Water Supply, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation,Visakhapatnam. In the reference 1st read above, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam Range has informed that the Accused Officer was arrested at 23.00 hours on 22.09.2015 and was produced before the Hon'ble III Additional-cum-Special Judge for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam for Judicial custody.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, orders were issued, placing the Accused Officer Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer, Water Supply Maintenance, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam under deemed suspension from the date of his detention i.e., from 22.09.2015 under sub-rule (2) of Rule 8 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

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3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad has reported that, during the course of investigation, it is revealed that the Accused Officer has acquired and is in possession of movable and immovable properties and pecuniary resource in his name and in the name of his family members. He has therefore, requested the Government to authorize the Investigating Officer Sri S.Rama Krishna, Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau of Visakhapatnam Range under sections 3 & 4 of the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1944 for filing the applications in the Court of III Additional District and Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam for attachment of properties worth Rs.1,25,20,674/-.

4. In the G.O. 4th read above, orders were issued, authorizing Sri S. Rama Krishna, Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam Range for filing an application in the court of Special Judge for A.C.B Cases, Visakhapatnam for attachment of the properties worth Rs.1,25,20,674/-(Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakhs Twenty Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Four only) of Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer (U/s) & his family members under sections 3 & 4 of the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance 1944.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada has recommended for prosecution of the Accused Officer Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer (U/s), Water Supply Maintenance, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam in a court of law for the offences under sections 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, in a Trap Case.

6. After examining the Final Report of Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau in the light of the factual report submitted by the Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam in the reference 6th read above, it has been decided to initiate Departmental Inquiry instead of Prosecution, in a Trap Case and accordingly, in the G.O. 7th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada was requested to furnish the draft Articles of Charges etc., against Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer (U/s), Water Supply Maintenance, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam, for initiating Departmental Action in Trap Case.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the Accused Officer Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer (U/s), Water Supply Maintenance, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam has requested to reinstate him into service in terms of G.O.Ms.No.526, General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated: 19.08.2008, as his suspension period was exceeded for more than (2) years.

8. Government have examined the entire matter carefully in the light of the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.526, G.A.(Ser.C) Dept., dated: 19.08.2008, it has been observed that the trap case was booked on 22.09.2015 and the Disproportionate Assets case was booked on 05.10.2015. Two years suspension was completed by 21.09.2017. Further, the ACB Authorities

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have not stated that the Accused Officer is not cooperated with the Inquiry. Hence, it is not justifiable to continue Accused Officer under suspension. Therefore, it has been decided to reinstate the Accused Officer Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer (Under Suspension), Water Supply Maintenance, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam into service and post him in a far off and in a non-focal post, without prejudice to the ACB Case / Disciplinary Case pending against him.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to reinstate the Accused Officer Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer (Under Suspension), Water Supply Maintenance, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam into service and post him in a far off and in a non-focal post, without prejudice to the ACB Case / Disciplinary Case pending against him.

10. The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur shall furnish necessary proposals to the Government for posting of the Accused Officer Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer to a far off and in a non-focal post, without prejudice to the ACB Case / Disciplinary Case pending against him.

11. The receipt of G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Ladi Santha Rao, Executive Engineer **through the**
Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur.
The Engineer–in-Chief, Public Health, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
The District Collector, Visakhapatnam.
SF/SCs.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER